The Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) provides training and education for the future leaders of the Navy, Army and Air Force. Combining military and leadership training with study for an undergraduate degree with UNSW Australia, you will gain the skills you need to enter the most exciting career of your life whether you join the Navy, Army or Air Force.

ADFA is one of the world’s best military academies and provides a great training environment for junior military leaders.

If you are accepted to join ADFA, you will receive a fully funded world-class education from UNSW and, upon successful graduation, a guaranteed career in the Australian Defence Force (ADF). There are differences between ADFA and other military training institutions, but you are about to discover all the benefits of a unique military academy coupled with a world renowned university.

In this brochure you will also discover what it’s like to train and study at ADFA, the degrees on offer, the lifestyle, and the opportunities you will receive. All information is correct as of April 2015.

A world-class university

UNSW Australia is one of Australia’s most respected universities, with an international reputation for outstanding academic programs and world-class research. UNSW is one of the world’s top 50 universities with a ranking of 48 in the 2014 QS World University Rankings and is a member of the ‘Group of Eight’ leading research intensive universities in Australia. UNSW is also recognised as the Australian university with the strongest links to industry. UNSW Canberra at ADFA offers the best student-to-teacher ratio in the country and some of the best academic staff in their respective fields. So you can be sure that the degree you study for will be of the highest standing.

The benefits of ADFA

You are a member of the ADF and paid to study. All of your tuition fees will be paid for, and you will receive subsidised accommodation, plus free medical and dental care. You certainly won’t find that at other universities. You will live and study on campus in Canberra, have access to the latest technology and facilities and enjoy 23 hectares of sporting fields.

To graduate from ADFA you must successfully complete both military and academic requirements. When you graduate, you will receive a UNSW degree just as though you were studying at the Sydney campus. But best of all, you are guaranteed a job as an officer in the ADF if you graduate successfully.

UNSW Canberra also offers opportunities for study and research at postgraduate levels leading to Graduate Diplomas as well as Masters and Doctoral degrees. Sponsorship of postgraduate studies is at the discretion of the individual Services.
WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE JOIN ADFA?

Uncommon backgrounds, one common goal.

You’ll find your classmates are from all over Australia and the world, and from many different backgrounds. Yet everyone shares common attributes. The willingness to work hard, enjoy a challenge, adapt to new situations, be a team player and work with others to make things happen. And while military training and academic pursuits are the focus of life at ADFA, there’s always time for fun with the new friends you will make during your time here.
WHAT DEGREES CAN YOU STUDY?

The following Bachelor degrees are available from UNSW Canberra:

**Bachelor of Arts**  
BA, BA (CDF) and BA (Hons)

**Bachelor of Business**  
BBus, BBus (CDF) and BBus (Hons)

**Bachelor of Engineering (Hons)**  
BEng (Aeronautical, Civil, Electrical and Mechanical)  
BEng (Aeronautical, Civil, Electrical and Mechanical) (CDF)

**Bachelor of Information Technology**  
BIT, BIT (CDF) and BIT (Hons)

**Bachelor of Science**  
BSc, BSc (CDF) and BSc (Hons)

**Bachelor of Technology**  
BTech (Aeronautical and Aviation)  
BTech (Aeronautical) (CDF)

The separate 4th year Honours program in Arts, Business, IT and Science is subject to the requirements of the individual services.

For more information on degrees available, see pages 6 to 15 of this brochure or visit unsw.adfa.edu.au
A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP

What makes ADFA different?

ADFA provides a unique partnership between the Department of Defence and UNSW Australia. ADFA enables Midshipmen (an Officer in the Navy) and Officer Cadets (Army and Air Force) to undertake cutting edge military and leadership training whilst studying at one of the world’s leading universities. The education and skills you will gain from your time at ADFA will set you up to face any challenge and perform on the world stage as a military leader.

As a graduate of ADFA you are on the path to life-long learning. As an officer in the Australian Defence Force you will undertake specialist Defence training designed to keep you at the forefront of your profession, and you will be encouraged to undertake further university education.

Whatever way you look at it, starting your career at ADFA sets you on the path to success.

Undergraduate programs

UNSW Canberra offers a range of undergraduate programs for Midshipmen and Officer Cadets that conform to the highest standards in Australia's leading universities.

The Business, Engineering, Information Technology and Technology degrees have a set program structure although there are some opportunities for elective study. The Arts and Science degrees have a requirement to complete two majors. It is a characteristic feature of all UNSW degrees that you must undertake at least some subjects outside your main study area. These courses are referred to as General Education Courses.

A separate Honours year is available in the Bachelors of Arts, Business, Information Technology and Science, subject to the requirements of the individual Services.
ADFA LIFESTYLE

It’s not all about academic studies at ADFA. Apart from regular sporting pursuits, living in Canberra offers a great variety of social opportunities such as restaurants, bars, museums and galleries. Regular social events are held on and off campus, including formal mess dinners, sporting functions, squadron and divisional activities and other social gatherings.

When it’s time to relax, the accommodation at ADFA provides everything you need to feel right at home. The rooms are comfortable and private, and there are common areas including lounges and the Cadets’ Mess complex where you can unwind.

ADFA offers a huge range of opportunities that you won’t find elsewhere. So it’s little wonder that most graduates say that the years they spent at ADFA were some of the best of their lives.

Sport
ADFA offers all sorts of sports, so there’s never a dull moment. You can take part in just about any sport in the local area. ADFA has fantastic sporting facilities with around 23 hectares of sporting fields and a state-of-the-art indoor sports centre and swimming pool. It houses squash courts, a gymnasium and weights room that you can use in your spare time.

It’s not just team sports at ADFA; individual excellence in sports such as athletics, swimming, fencing, sailing and shooting are also encouraged. Plus you have access to the golf course at the Royal Military College (RMC) Duntroon.

Other competition sports played at ADFA include:
- Australian Rules Football
- Basketball
- Cycling
- Hockey
- Netball
- Orienteering
- Rowing
- Rugby Union
- Rugby League

If the sport you would like to participate isn’t established, you have the opportunity to create a club for it yourself.

Campus facilities
The facilities at ADFA give you access to a wide range of services on campus. All of them are centrally located at Academy House near the main library. They include:
- Bank
- Bookshop
- Coffee shop
- Car parks
- Dry cleaner
- Hairdresser
- Taxis and buses

The Academy Cadets’ Mess
Close to your accommodation is the Academy Cadets’ Mess, which is the largest Officers’ Mess in Australia and can cater for up to 1,200 midshipmen and officer cadets. It’s a great place to meet up with your mates and relax over a meal.

Other activities
There are a number of other activities you can get involved in including:
- Band
- Debating
- Graduation Committee
- Military Shooting
- Performing Arts
- Precision Drill Team
- Crossfit

For more information about the ADFA lifestyle, refer to the FAQs section at the back of this brochure.
**BACHELOR OF ARTS** *(BA)*

UAC Code 450001

**Indicative Entrance Score Requirement**

2016 ATAR 75 MIN or OP 12

**Duration:** Three years full-time

**Assumed Subject Knowledge**

- English

**Overview**

This program provides you with the opportunity to acquire a high-level understanding and advanced analytical skills in key arts discipline areas. In a Bachelor of Arts students must complete two disciplines from the following:

- Business
- English Literature
- Indonesian Language and Culture
- Geography
- History
- International Studies

**Arts in an ADF career**

Arts degrees are flexible and allow you to keep your options open and give you the analytical skills to be an effective leader and manager.

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**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS** *(BBus)*

UAC Code 450010

**Indicative Entrance Score Requirement**

2016 ATAR 80 MIN or OP 10

**Duration:** Three years full-time

**Overview**

The Bachelor of Business is designed to enhance business acumen among future leaders and managers in the ADF and provide them with the capacity to interact effectively with external business providers. It aims to lay solid foundations in communication, numeracy and general problem solving capabilities. The degree is built within a specifically business-oriented context of study, and develops students’ knowledge in a diverse range of areas associated with organisational management and leadership. When taking this degree, students will become familiar with bodies of knowledge that will enhance their capacity to manage Defence business throughout their ADF career.

**Business in an ADF career**

A Bachelor of Business positions you to work within the business processes of the ADF and to interact with external service providers. This is particularly valuable if you wish to become involved in acquisition and procurement, project management, logistics and the management of people.
BACHELOR OF AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING (HONOURS)

BAeroEng(Hons)
UAC Code 450040

Indicative Entrance Score Requirement

2016 ATAR 85 MIN or OP 8

Duration: Four years full-time

Assumed Subject Knowledge

- Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry is desirable, but not essential

Overview

Aeronautical Engineering is the study of the design, development, manufacture, maintenance and control of vehicles operating in the earth’s atmosphere or in outer space. Such vehicles require the highest standard of engineering as they have to be very light relative to the loads they carry, and yet be strong and reliable as the consequences of failure are drastic. Aircraft are critical to the operations of all the Services in the ADF, and Aeronautical Engineers are employed in all Services.

Although at present the ADF does not design or build aircraft, as an ADF engineer, you have to ensure that aircraft are supplied and maintained to the highest standards, using the correct parts and materials installed with best-practice workmanship. At the same time, you have to manage these activities with extreme efficiency as maintaining an air fleet during operations is time-critical. The aeronautical maintenance engineer therefore needs high-level project management skills as well as an engineering expertise.

The Aeronautical Engineering program has been developed to meet the needs of the ADF and covers the design, reliability and maintenance of fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft.

Aeronautical Engineering in an ADF career

Navy Aeronautical Engineering graduates are required for maintenance and repair, modifications, operational deployments and airworthiness of the Navy’s fleet of rotary-wing aircraft.

Army Aeronautical Engineering graduates are most likely to be involved in the maintenance and repair of the Army’s rapidly growing fleet of rotary-wing aircraft.

Air Force Aeronautical Engineering graduates may be involved in the operation and maintenance of aircraft and then become responsible for the airworthiness and modification of aircraft and engines, or the acquisition and introduction of new equipment into the Service.
BACHELOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING (HONOURS)

BCivEng(Hons)

UAC Code 450050

Indicative Entrance Score Requirement

2016 ATAR 85 MIN or OP 8

Duration: Four years full-time

Assumed Subject Knowledge

• Mathematics
• Physics
• Chemistry is desirable, but not essential

Overview

The general training in science and technology offered by a Civil Engineering degree provides an ideal basis for a career in modern society. In addition to the direct employment in one of the many specialities of Civil Engineering, many related careers are possible. As the ADF becomes progressively more technologically-based, the education provided in a Civil Engineering degree will be in greater demand.

Civil Engineering in an ADF career

Graduates in Civil Engineering can take responsibility for the design and construction of infrastructure, base facilities and field engineering associated with ADF projects and military activities. Environmental management plays a major part in these projects. Civil Engineers in the ADF are also involved with development and peacekeeping activities in the South Pacific and elsewhere in the world.

Most Army graduates will join the Royal Australian Engineers (RAE) which is a very challenging career. As well as providing infrastructure within Australian borders, much of your early career is spent in overseas deployments. Army Civil Engineers have played key roles in East Timor, Iraq, Solomon Islands, Indonesia – in fact anywhere Australia is engaged in conflict, peacekeeping or disaster relief, the RAE’s Civil Engineers are there supplying clean water, constructing accommodation, building airfields, restoring harbours, and improving defence against nuclear, biological and chemical attacks.

Air Force Civil Engineers play a major role in managing the infrastructure of the Air Force. The projects they are responsible for could be of a specialised engineering nature (aircraft pavements, hangars, hospitals and pollution control) or they could be responsible for management of whole facilities.
BACHELOR OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING (HONOURS)

BElecEng(Hons)

UAC Code 450060

Indicative Entrance Score Requirement

2016 ATAR 85 MIN or OP 8

Duration: Four years full-time

Assumed Subject Knowledge

• Mathematics
• Physics
• Chemistry is desirable, but not essential

Overview

The Bachelor of Electrical Engineering program is built on a foundation of mathematics, computer science and physical science. A small component of Electrical Engineering is introduced in the first year, with progressively larger components in second and third years. The final year is devoted exclusively to Electrical Engineering courses. In your final year, you’ll have the option to specialise in areas such as communications, surveillance and radar, computer engineering and guided weapons electronics. You’ll also undertake a major project supervised by a member of academic staff. UNSW Canberra provides one of the best Electrical Engineering programs available and is supported by a well-equipped laboratory and excellent library facilities.

Electrical Engineering in an ADF career

In conjunction with the technical sailors in their charge, an Electronics Engineer in the Navy is responsible for looking after weapons systems, communication systems and sensor systems on the Navy’s warships. Opportunities also exist for you to join the Navy Submarine Service and serve in one of Australia’s submarines. Regardless of your choice, Electrical Engineers face many challenges from these complex warships and submarines, and from harsh environments in which you could work. Over time, there will be opportunities for a range of ‘shore’ postings, which could include working on projects to acquire new warships or new naval systems to go onto Australia’s existing warships and submarines.

On graduation, as a junior Army Electrical Engineering Officer, you’ll choose between the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RAEME) or Royal Australian Signals (RASigs) corps. Regardless of your choice, you’ll find yourself leading a number of technical soldiers responsible for maintenance and support of any one of a number of systems as diverse as rotary-winged aircraft, ground-based telecommunications systems, ground-based radar and weapons systems. These systems might be on a base or in the field. You may eventually find yourself employed as engineering authorities in the acquisition projects that keep the Army at the forefront of technology.

As an Air Force Electrical Engineer, you’ll have a fantastic range of employment options when you graduate from ADFA. You may choose to work with aircraft on systems responsible for airborne electrical generation and distribution, radar and weapons systems, flight controls systems and airborne communications systems. Aerospace Engineer Officers (Electronics) will be involved with maintenance, technical investigations and trial modifications to aircraft. Other engineers could choose to work with ground-based technology like radar, satellite or communications systems. Regardless of their choice, graduates generally lead a group of highly-skilled technical airmen during their early years and move into technical acquisition and project management roles later in their careers.
BACHELOR OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (HONOURS)
BMechEng(Hons)
UAC Code 450070

Indicative Entrance Score Requirement
2016 ATAR 85 MIN or OP 8

Duration: Four years full-time

Assumed Subject Knowledge
• Mathematics
• Physics
• Chemistry is desirable, but not essential

Overview
The technical challenge of harnessing and utilising the immense new power sources discovered in the last couple of hundred years has given rise to the profession of Mechanical Engineering. A core task of a Mechanical Engineer is to devise new and better ways to extract mechanical power from heat and to use that power to perform a useful task. This also concerns machine control, (including automatic control), lubrication, heating and cooling (including air conditioning) and vibration of machines. Mechanical Engineers are required to understand a number of fields, such as: thermodynamics, mechanical systems dynamics, properties of solid materials, fluid dynamics, design and management.

Mechanical Engineering in an ADF career
All three Services employ Mechanical Engineers to maintain and repair an extremely diverse and sophisticated range of equipment, including land transport vehicles, ships, tanks, armoured personnel carriers and weapons systems. No other organisation in Australia has such a complex and challenging equipment inventory operating under such demanding conditions.

Through a Navy Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical), you will undertake courses to enhance your professional development as a Naval Officer and Marine Engineer. As a Marine Engineering Officer you are the technical authority onboard the ship and responsible for the ship’s structures, propulsion systems, electrical generation and distribution, and domestic and associated mechanical services. Your responsibilities will also include the main and auxiliary machinery, engines, automatic and remote control systems, hydraulics, air conditioning and refrigeration, ventilation systems and electrical power generation and conversion equipment.

Through an Army Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical), you can expect to be posted to the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RAEME), Armour, or Infantry Corps. Typically, you will work in either mobile or static workshops or headquarters, or be involved with equipment procurement. The Corps provides the repair and recovery service for all equipment operated by the Army, including aircraft and watercraft. RAEME soldiers repair and maintain equipment as diverse as tanks, trucks and armoured personnel carriers, helicopters, radios, radars and computers, artillery guns and missile systems.

Through an Air Force Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical), you’ll play a major role in managing the equipment of the Air Force.
Information Technology in an ADF career

As a graduate of the Bachelor of Information Technology degree you will have an intellectual advantage for all careers in the ADF given the planned introduction of new capability and the increased influence of the information environment on military operations. Most importantly, you will possess an excellent combination of technical knowledge and practical expertise for specific ADF careers that leverage advantage from information technology such as: Maritime Logistics Officers, Pilots, Maritime Aviation Warfare Officers and Maritime Warfare Officers in the Navy, as a General Service Officer in the Aviation, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, Intelligence, Ordnance and Signals Corps of the Army, and as Joint Battlefield Airspace Controllers, Pilots and Air Combat Officers in the Air Force.
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BSc)
UAC Code 450020

Indicative Entrance Score Requirement

2016 ATAR 75 MIN or OP 12

Duration: Three years full-time

Assumed Subject Knowledge

• Mathematics if you are taking Mathematics, Physics or Oceanography courses as part of your Bachelor of Science
• Physics if you are taking Physics courses as part of your Bachelor of Science

Overview

Science is the understanding of the physical universe (from subatomic particles and microbes through to the planet’s environment and the origin of the universe itself), and human interactions with it. Just as important is the scientific process by which this understanding is gained. In turn, science is the foundation of the modern technologies that enhance the quality of lives and provide ever more sophisticated means of applying the scientific process. In addition, science is crucial in the control of disease, biotechnology, new sustainable energy sources, information technology and management of precious natural resources.

A Bachelor of Science degree will help you develop lifelong skills including creativity, problem-solving ability, critical thinking and communication skills that will be useful not only in a scientific environment but in all professions including the military.

The ADF requires leaders who are prepared to deal with technical and management issues that will often require scientific knowledge and the intellectual and practical problem-solving skills developed through studies in physical, environmental and mathematical sciences. Should you excel in your Bachelor of Science degree, you may have the opportunity to undertake an Honours degree which is an extra year of study. This is subject to the needs of the individual Services.

Science in an ADF career

Science degrees are flexible and allow you to keep your options open and give you the analytical skills and problem solving skills required to be an effective leader.

In a Bachelor of Science students must complete two disciplines from the following:

• Aviation
• Mathematics
• Chemistry
• Oceanography
• Computer Science
• Operations Research
• Geography
• Physics
• Information Systems
BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY
(AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING) BTech (Aero)
UAC Code 450080

Indicative Entrance Score Requirement
2016 ATAR 85 MIN or OP 8

Duration: Three years full-time

Assumed Subject Knowledge
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry is desirable, but not essential

Overview
This degree program is designed for those wishing to work in the ADF as an Aeronautical Engineering Technologist but not necessarily as a fully-qualified Engineer. Engineers Australia accredits this three-year technology program at the Engineering Technologist level. At the discretion of the Services, there is provision for you if you have completed the Bachelor of Technology and wish to upgrade to a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Aeronautical Engineering by undertaking 18 months of further study at a later stage. This degree should not be confused with the Bachelor of Technology (Aviation) degree, which is designed specifically for Aircrew – Pilots, Joint Battlefield Airspace Controllers and Air Combat Officers.

Aeronautical Technology in an ADF career
The Bachelor of Technology (Aeronautical Engineering) is primarily undertaken by Air Force officer cadets who intend to become Aircrew and wish to enhance their understanding of the operation and performance of aircraft. However, the program is also available to midshipmen and officer cadets in any of the Services and graduates are employed in many technical branches of the ADF.

BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY
(AVIATION) BTech (Av)
UAC Code 450090

Indicative Entrance Score Requirement
2016 ATAR 80 MIN or OP 10

Duration: Three years full-time

Assumed Subject Knowledge
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry is desirable, but not essential

Overview
The Bachelor of Technology (Aviation) involves three years of study commencing with a common program of foundation science and engineering courses with other first-year technology and engineering students. In second and third years, the programs diverge into their specialties with the Bachelor of Technology (Aviation) focusing on human factors in the aviation discipline. There is also an emphasis on the function of Pilots, Air Combat Officers, Maritime Aviation Warfare Officers and Joint Battlefield Airspace Controllers and their role in aviation, in infrastructure and safety management systems. Other streams such as aerodynamics and aviation systems often incorporate problem-based learning informed by academic research and industrial practice. Electives and a final-semester project enable students to pursue particular interests both within and outside the specialist discipline.

Aviation Technology in an ADF career
Students who undertake a Bachelor of Technology in Aviation are primarily Pilots or Maritime Aviation Warfare Officers in the Navy or Air Combat Officers or Joint Battlefield Airspace Controllers in the Air Force.

Note: that for Pilots the practical flying components are undertaken after graduating from ADFA.
CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCE (CDF) STUDENTS PROGRAMS

CDF program for academically gifted students

UNSW Canberra offers an exciting range of undergraduate degree options if you are a high performer in Arts, Business, Engineering, Information Technology, Science and Technology. Known as Chief of the Defence Force Students Programs (CDFSP), these unique programs have been designed to provide academically gifted students with a rich and challenging educational experience that will develop their critical thinking and research skills. If you are eligible for the CDFSP, you will undertake individual research projects working closely with academic staff on projects from their area of interest. Upon completion of your degree, you will receive a unique award that reflects your involvement in this outstanding program. The CDFSPs are offered across all four schools of the Academy and is an exceptional opportunity for gifted students to reach their full academic potential.

Entry and progression requirements

Students will be invited to join the CDF program at the beginning of year 1, mid year 1 or the start of year 2.

Bachelor of Arts
ATAR 95 or OP4

Bachelor of Business
ATAR 95 or OP4

Bachelor of Engineering (all specifications)
ATAR 98 or OP2

Bachelor of Information Technology
ATAR 98 or OP2

Bachelor of Science
ATAR 98 or OP2

Bachelor of Technology (Aeronautical)
ATAR 98 or OP2

If you do not initially obtain a high-enough entrance score for admission into the CDFSP, you may apply to transfer from a standard degree to the program if you achieve outstanding academic results during your first year of study at UNSW Canberra.

All students enrolling in the CDFSP are expected to maintain a high level of academic and military performance over all sessions in order to remain in the program. This requirement varies across the different degree programs. If you do not maintain the required level of performance, you will be transferred to the standard degree program offered at ADFA with credit for all courses completed.

Assumed subject knowledge

The assumed knowledge requirements of the CDFSPs are the same as the corresponding standard degree.

* Please note: bonus points cannot be used for entry to the CDF Program.

For more detailed information on the degree content and study requirements visit unsw.adfa.edu.au

Entrance scores are shown as a guide and are subject to change, for the most up-to-date information visit unsw.adfa.edu.au
### ADFA DEGREE / JOB CHART

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All Army applicants (with the exception of selected Pilot positions) will be appointed as General Service Officers upon commencing their time at ADFA. During their training at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, they will then have the opportunity to select preferred Corps (job) options. Job preferences are not guaranteed and will be based on performance and the service requirements.
MILITARY TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Over a three year period you’ll develop the fundamental knowledge, skills and attitudes required to be an effective junior officer in the ADF. The military training program consists of two key components – Academy Military Education and Training (AMET) and Single Service Training (SST).

AMET
The AMET program is carried out in ‘blocks’ at the beginning and end of the year and nine hours per week during academic terms. You will find there is a significant emphasis on experience-based leadership development in the training activities. The AMET program includes subjects such as:

Leadership development
Exploring the physical, moral and intellectual development and dimension of leadership.

Drill and ceremonial
This promotes reaction to command, self-discipline and teamwork through knowledge and practice of the customs and traditions of military ceremonies.

Military communication program
This is designed to develop confidence and effectiveness in your oral and written communication skills, which are necessary for your military career.

Equity and diversity training
This provides you with the skills to live, study and develop in a healthy academic and social environment by teaching you how to treat people fairly and with respect in accordance with ADF policies.

First aid and health examines the impact on society of drug and alcohol abuse and teaches you first aid and preventative health techniques for general wellbeing.

Operational environment
Provides you with knowledge and understanding of military history, ADF/ADO organisation, single service capabilities, joint operations and planning.

Field craft
This introduces you to living in the field as a member of a group, and survival in adverse circumstances.

Military justice
This introduces you to the Defence Force Discipline Act. The subject is designed to enable you to function in the ADF environment with more detailed training being conducted nearer to the time you leave ADFA as a junior officer in the ADF.

Physical training
This develops your fitness, strength and agility. Physical training classes are conducted during the weekly military training program.

Weapons training
This gives you training in the operational use and maintenance of small arms Service weapons.
SINGLE SERVICE TRAINING

Single Service Training (SST) is generally conducted at the beginning and end of the year for varying periods and gives you the opportunity to experience and learn about the Service you have chosen. The Services (Navy, Army and Air Force) are responsible for the design and implementation of the program that is outlined below and on the following page. Overall the SST program forms an important foundation for your future career in the ADF.

Navy

On joining the Navy, all midshipmen coming to ADFA complete the Navy Officer Year One (NOYO) Program. NOYO commences with the New Entry Officer Course (NEOC) at the Royal Australian Naval College at HMAS CRESWELL, Jervis Bay. This 22 week induction program instils basic military and mariner skills, concentrating on both teamwork and leadership. It also exposes trainees to Navy specific routines, culture and traditions. This important course gives all new Naval Officers a solid grounding from which to build the remainder of their naval careers. On completion of NEOC, the second half of NOYO will see you conducting various activities throughout the fleet or in shore establishments, depending on your intended primary qualification (PQ), prior to commencing studies at ADFA. This will normally include additional time at sea or in aviation squadrons to gain a greater understanding of the roles and responsibilities of an officer.

During second and third years you will participate in further periods of SST with Navy and within your career specialisation. Each of the Navy PQs follows a separate SST program. Activities conducted will also depend on the course of academic studies you undertake. SST may include attachments to shore establishments or ships; consolidation and progression of phased specialist training; or management and leadership studies at the Naval College at Jervis Bay.

Army

During your time at ADFA as an Army officer cadet, you will be required to complete Army SST during academic breaks in the program. The Army SST conducted over your three years at ADFA is equivalent to the first six months of training conducted by Army General Service Officers who enlist directly into the Royal Military College (RMC). The training is designed to prepare you for the challenges you will experience during your 12 months of Army specific training at RMC prior to being commissioned.

In your first year of Army SST you will gain an introduction to Army life. You will learn a range of foundation military skills such as weapon handling, fieldcraft, navigation and first aid. You will also learn to communicate using military radios and live out in the bush in a tactical environment. At times your Army training will be physically and mentally challenging, particularly when you find yourself spending cold and windy nights under the stars or when you undertake combat endurance marches. You can be guaranteed that your new friends, right alongside you during that tough training, will become your mates for life.
Second year of Army SST will provide you with an introduction to the leadership challenges of learning how to command a group of soldiers in a tactical environment. You will also get the chance to travel and undertake work experience within one of Army’s Brigades, learning more about life as a junior Army officer.

During your third year at ADFA, the Army SST is focused on further leadership training and preparing you for the Royal Military College. You will become confident at leading others, learn more about different weapon systems and develop your combat fitness.

**Air Force**

In your first year as an Air Force officer cadet, you’ll acquire skills in areas such as air power knowledge and military justice, while at the same time complete military skills instruction that includes leadership, drill and ceremonial. What’s more you’ll get your first taste of an Air Force exercise with a visit to the Air Force museum in Point Cook as part of exercise Trojan.

At the beginning of your second year, you will be transported (by air, if operations allow) to Officers’ Training School (OTS) at RAAF Base East Sale where you will participate in four weeks of the Initial Officer Course content. The focus is on Core Ground Defence Skills (you will undergo a weapon handling test prior to undertaking Ex IROQUOIS) and Leadership (Ex CARIBOU) but there are also elements of RAAF drill and ceremonial, air power, and military management. You will be introduced to the Self Mastery module and elements of the Citizenship Package that target RAAF values and behaviour. There is an adventurous training exercise – Wirraway (a vital aspect of your training as it develops your physical and mental strength) and a visit to Point Cook for Exercise BOXXITE, which incorporates a tour of the RAAF Museum and the base that is the historical home of the RAAF. You will participate in discussions with an Air Force Legal Officer who introduces aspects of Military Justice that have an impact on your behaviour and expected responses in a combat environment. The OTS Directing Staff (DS) will prepare you to present oral briefs on Air Power topics and you will have external trainers come in to deliver fire fighting training. All these topics comprise Phase 1 of the Initial Officer ADFA SST Course, attendance at which is a pre-requisite for nomination onto Phase 2 at the end of your third year. At the end of the year, non-Engineering officer cadets will commence work placement.

The third year kicks off with another round of work placements. Engineering officer cadets will spend 30 days at a military unit. Bachelor of Technology cadets will also be heading off to a military unit to complete their work experience. Both groups will be posted to units around Australia. The beginning of the third year will also see non-Engineering officer cadets complete vital ground defence training. For Engineering officer cadets, they will complete this training in July. OTS conducts Initial Officer ADFA SST Phase 2 at the end of the year (Nov/Dec). The course is 3 weeks long and focuses on military management. There are preparatory lessons for Exercise KITTYHAWK which is a three day simulated flight commander scenario that aims to prepare you for your first workplace posting. Alongside these tasks, you will participate in lessons of air power, military justice, drill and ceremonial, military values and ethics, and leadership (critical thinking, the military appreciation process and leading leaders are all covered). The major aim of Phase 2 is to help RAAF junior officers to make the transition from a training environment to the workplace.
# ADF CAREERS

There’s a huge range of exciting jobs available in the ADF that offer far greater benefits than working in the civilian world. The table is a snapshot that shows the advantages of working for the ADF compared to a civilian job.

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There are all kinds of officer positions available to you in many different fields from Administration and Logistics through to Aviation, Intelligence and Engineering. You could become an Electronics Engineer Officer in the Navy, a Pilot in the Army, or even an Air Combat Officer in the Air Force. There are hundreds of exciting jobs to choose from in the ADF. You nominate which job you wish to pursue as part of the ADFA application process. The exception is the Army, where you will nominate your preferred position whilst at the Royal Military College (RMC) Duntroon. Upon graduation from ADFA you will go on to complete your initial employment training for your chosen career.
ADFA Navy Careers
- Aerospace – Aeronautical Engineering Officer
- Aerospace – Electrical Aircraft Engineer
- Electronics Engineer
- Electronics Engineer (Submariner)
- Marine Engineering Officer
- Marine Engineering Officer (Submariner)
- Maritime Aviation Warfare Officer
- Maritime Logistics Officer
- Maritime Warfare Officer
- Maritime Warfare Officer (Submariner)
- Pilot

ADFA Army Careers
- Armoured Corps Officer
- Artillery Officer
- Aviation Corps Officer (GSO Pilot)
- Catering Officer
- Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Officer
- Engineering Corps Officer
- Infantry Officer
- Intelligence Corps Officer
- Medical Corps Officer
- Military Police Officer
- Ordnance Corps Officer
- Signals Corps Officer
- Transport Corps Officer

ADFA Air Force Careers
- Aerospace – Aeronautical Engineering Officer
- Aerospace – Armament Engineering Officer
- Aerospace – Electronics Engineering Officer
- Air Combat Officer
- Airfield Engineering Officer
- Intelligence Officer
- Joint Battlefield Airspace Controller
- Logistics Officer
- Personnel Capability Officer
- Pilot

For detailed job descriptions visit defencejobs.gov.au/adfa

What do you have to give back?
As an ADFA graduate, you’ll be required to serve for an Initial Minimum Period of Service (IMPS). This is to ensure the Services get an acceptable return for investing in your training. Essentially it is a period of time you will be required to serve until you can voluntarily resign. The length of IMPS varies between jobs. Air Force and Army officer cadets can resign at any time from ADFA within the first two years and Navy midshipmen can resign at any time within the first year without having an IMPS.

For further information on IMPS, speak to an ADF Careers Counsellor at a Defence Force Recruiting Centre located near you.
THE ADFA DUAL ADMISSION PROCESS

Applying for ADFA is a dual application process. As it is a competitive process, which can take up to 12 months, it is preferable that you apply in Year 11. You must complete both processes listed to gain successful admission into ADFA. These processes should be completed concurrently.

**DEFENCE PROCESS**

- Contact Defence Force Recruiting
  Call 13 19 01 or visit defencejobs.gov.au

- Attend a Your Opportunities Unlimited (YOU) session
  (preferable in Year 11 or early Year 12)

- Assessment Day – Psychological Interview, Medical Assessment and Defence Interview

- Attend an Officer Selection Board (OSB) in Canberra

- Receive offer from the ADF

- Accept ADF offer
  (Subject to passing Physical Fitness Assessment and final medical)

**UNIVERSITY PROCESS**

- Think about your degree options
  unsw.adfa.edu.au

- Decide which degree you will apply for based on career choice

- Apply for UNSW Canberra-ADFA through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC)
  uac.edu.au

- Accept UAC Offer

**Welcome to ADFA**
Eligibility for ADFA
To be eligible for ADFA you should be in at least Year 11 at school and undertaking a tertiary package, or have completed Year 12 with an entrance rank that will qualify you for entry into UNSW. After applying, you will go through a selection process that will determine your physical and mental fitness and your suitability to become an officer in the ADF. All applications to ADFA must be submitted by calling 13 19 01 or applying online at defencejobs.gov.au/adfa.

An offer by the ADF to study at ADFA is conditional on meeting the educational admission requirements for UNSW.

Note: You must be an Australian citizen or hold permanent residency status with the intention of gaining Australian citizenship once you are eligible.

Eligibility for UNSW
Admission to UNSW is based on academic merit. You will be considered for admission to undergraduate programs at UNSW on the basis of your academic performance in:

- Australian and New Zealand final secondary studies and/or
- post-secondary or tertiary qualifications and/or
- overseas qualifications considered equivalent to Australian studies and/or
- an alternative entry scheme.

Applicants must meet the minimum entrance rank identified for a specific degree. Though there are no mandatory prerequisite subject requirements for entry to UNSW undergraduate degrees, it will be assumed candidates have studied certain subject areas in their final year of high school.

Assumed Subject Knowledge
Assumed Subject Knowledge is the level of subject knowledge that a lecturer or a tutor of a first year UNSW course could reasonably expect all students enrolled in that course to know at the outset.

If you do not have the level of Assumed Subject Knowledge, you are not prevented from applying for admission or enrolling in any courses, when the degree program begins, but you may be placed at a considerable disadvantage.

If you have not achieved the recommended level of Assumed Subject Knowledge, you are strongly advised that it is in your best interest to undertake a bridging program or other preparation courses, such as UniLearn (unilearn.net.au) before your commencement at ADFA.

Assumed Subject Knowledge Expressed by Degree
Year 11 and 12 subject choices are important to meet UNSW Assumed Subject Knowledge requirements.

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THE ADFA DUAL ADMISSION PROCESS

Assumed Subject Knowledge Expressed by State

The following table lists the specific Year 12 subjects that currently satisfy the UNSW Assumed Subject Knowledge requirements. This table should be read in conjunction with the specific Assumed Subject Knowledge for each degree.

Where a specific degree lists a subject as assumed knowledge, this table will enable you to determine which Year 12 subject this equates to in your state or territory. Requirements are expressed as minimum where there is more than one level. For example, to satisfy the Mathematics requirement, a NSW student would have to complete at least 2-Unit Mathematics, while a Queensland student would have to complete at least Mathematics B.

In states or territories where Year 12 English may be replaced by a Humanities subject for the purpose of meeting the Year 12 certificate requirements, the Assumed Subject Knowledge is Year 11 English plus a Year 12 Humanities subject.

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ADF Service Requirements

You should be aware that in addition to the UNSW Assumed Subject Knowledge requirements, there may be some Year 12 subjects that are ADF Service requirements. Contact Defence Force Recruiting on 13 19 01 for further information.
**Bonus Point Scheme**

UNSW has introduced a HSC Plus bonus point scheme for Year 12 students. This is a national bonus point scheme. The bonus points are in recognition of the strong correlation between Year 12 subject performance and preparation for, and success in, first year university studies. If you have undertaken, and done well, in relevant Year 12 subjects, you are generally well prepared for the demands of university study. Note: while the website information refers to NSW Year 12 subjects only, the equivalent subjects in all States and Territories will also receive bonus points.

The HSC Plus bonus point scheme is available to all programs except for all Chief of the Defence Force Students programs. For information about the scheme, selection of Year 12 subjects and the required performance level visit [unsw.edu.au/futureStudents/undergrad/ced/HSCPlus.html](http://unsw.edu.au/futureStudents/undergrad/ced/HSCPlus.html)

In addition, UNSW has introduced a new Elite Athletes and Performers Bonus Points scheme whereby undergraduate applicants are eligible to receive up to five bonus points on their ATAR rank (or recognised senior secondary qualification) for entry to their preferred UNSW program. A formal application is due to UNSW by 30 November.

For further information, visit [unsw.edu.au/futureStudents/undergrad/ced/eliteathletes.html](http://unsw.edu.au/futureStudents/undergrad/ced/eliteathletes.html)

Total maximum of 10 bonus points available overall.

**ACCESS Scheme**

The ACCESS Scheme is part of UNSW’s commitment to equal opportunity and affirmative action in education and provides you with an alternative method of entry to higher education if you have experienced a long-term educational disadvantage.

To be eligible for consideration you must:

- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia or a New Zealand citizen; and
- have experienced long-term educational disadvantage so that your Year 11 and Year 12 studies (or equivalent) have been seriously affected by circumstances beyond your control.

Further information about the ACCESS Scheme including eligibility can be found at: [unsw.edu.au/futureStudents/undergrad/sad/accessscheme.html](http://unsw.edu.au/futureStudents/undergrad/sad/accessscheme.html)


**ADFA Education Award**

The ADFA Education Award is presented annually to Year 12 students in recognition of outstanding achievement during the recruitment process. The award comprises a laptop computer and certificate for the winning students along with a plaque in recognition of the student’s school. There are up to 100 awards available on behalf of the Navy, Army and Air Force, which will be presented to suitable applicants who have applied for entry to ADFA.

For more details on the award visit [defencejobs.gov.au/education/adfa/howToApply/educationAward.aspx](http://defencejobs.gov.au/education/adfa/howToApply/educationAward.aspx)
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The following is a list of the most common questions asked by people interested in applying to join the ADF via ADFA. Should you find your question not answered here, please speak to your local ADF Careers Counsellor or visit defencejobs.gov.au/adfa

Can I visit ADFA to see what it’s really like?

There are a number of activities and events run throughout the year, which aim to provide you with a first-hand experience of ADFA and its facilities. ADFA regularly conducts tours. The tours run for approximately two hours and take in the main areas of the campus and a number of small presentations. Large and small groups are catered for. If you are interested you should contact the ADFA Visits Liaison Officer on (02) 6268 8541.

Do I get weekends and public holidays off, and can I go home on weekends?

Leave is not normally granted during the first six weeks at ADFA. Once the academic year commences, you may take local leave in the Canberra area on approved days if you are not required for duty, including sporting or military training commitments. There is no local leave on week days for Year One midshipmen and officer cadets during first session. However, the big plus about training at ADFA is if you wish to go home to visit family and friends, ADFA will pay for your travel expenses twice every financial year.

Do I have to live at ADFA?

Midshipmen and officer cadets live in accommodation blocks on base while they are attending ADFA. Everyone lives on base during the first six weeks, however, if you are married or in a recognised de facto relationship you may be entitled to rental assistance or a Service residence in a nearby suburb after completing your initial six-week induction period.

Do I have to go to sea?

All Navy personnel are required to serve at sea as required by their job classification.

If I get injured during training am I covered?

Yes, all personnel are covered under the Military Compensation Scheme (MCS).

Will I have access to a telephone if I need to contact family and friends?

When training permits (during military exercises and Year One Familiarisation Training (YOFT)) you may be allowed a brief period in the evening in order to access your mobile phone. You should ensure that you have sufficient credit or prepaid cards to cover a four week period. Access from outside ADFA is available via the switchboard on (02) 6268 8111. Ensure your families have the ADFA telephone number for contact in case of an emergency.

Do I always have to do physical training?

To ensure an operational capability, the ADF requires its personnel to maintain a high level of physical fitness. The ADF achieves this by encouraging physical training activities, generally conducted during working hours. A fitness test is conducted a minimum of twice yearly at ADFA and annually post graduation.
What happens if I don’t like ADFA; is there a cooling-off period?

For officer entry, personnel can resign at any stage by giving three months notice provided you do not have an IMPS. While at ADFA, Air Force and Army officer cadets can resign at any time within their first two years and Navy midshipmen can resign at any time within their first year without having an IMPS.

If I take a particular job can I change over to another job/Service at a later stage?

The opportunity to request a transfer between jobs and/or Services does exist. However, this option is only available subject to Service requirements.

How long do I have to commit myself to the ADF, once I have joined up?

Generally speaking, you join for five to 14.5 years. However, you must serve to the completion of your IMPS. For more information see the ‘What do you have to give back?’ section on page 23.

What should I wear when I am attending my interview with an ADF Careers Counsellor?

There are no formal dress requirements, however, smart casual attire is recommended.

What should I bring when attending my interview with an ADF Careers Counsellor?

Any documentation or information required to be brought with you will be detailed by an ADF Careers Counsellor. Generally you will need to bring all of your educational results, a resume, written references and birth certificate.

What if I do not have a birth certificate as I was born in another country, but I have a passport? Will this do?

An ADF Careers Counsellor can rely on other documents that support your identification such as a passport or certificate of Australian citizenship.

Do I have to obtain written references, or just listed references on my application?

Written references need to be submitted with the application form, and you will need to bring copies along when you undergo aptitude testing.

What happens after I hand in the application forms?

An application will be assessed against the selection criteria (age, education, etc) and subject to you being found suitable; you will be called in for a ‘test day’.

Can I be employed in off-duty hours?

Yes, with approval of your specific Service. However, while at ADFA, you will be on a good salary and your days will be so full that you will have little time for extra commitments.

What’s the food like?

The meals provided in the Academy Cadets’ Mess are of a high standard. Generally, you are offered three cooked meals a day in the Mess, with several dishes being offered for each meal. Vegetarian, gluten free, cultural and low fat options are also available.

Do I have to be fit to get in?

Yes. Physical training plays a very big role in your initial training, so it pays to be as fit as you possibly can, visit defencejobs.gov.au/fitness for helpful information on ADF fitness.

Are there any opportunities to further my study after ADFA?

Yes. The ADF encourages its members to further their education by providing financial and leave support and offering postgraduate opportunities, subject to Service requirements.

What happens if I am posted away from home and my mother gets sick?

If your Next-Of-Kin becomes seriously ill, the ADF may provide you with emergency leave and free travel back to your home location.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS Cont.

Will colour blindness affect my chances of joining the Services?

Colour blindness will restrict the employment categories that are available to you. An ADF Careers Counsellor will be able to tell you about those jobs for which you will be eligible.

If I need to put my application form in soon, but don’t have all the required paperwork, what should I do?

Contact an ADF Careers Counsellor for advice. Some documentation is needed to establish your eligibility to be brought in for testing; others can be provided on assessment day.

Is there a height restriction for entry to the ADF?

Yes. For entry to the ADF there is a minimum height requirement of 152cm, without shoes. Pilot and Aircrew candidates are also required to meet specific anthropometric measurements. See defencejobs.gov.au for further information.

What medical restrictions govern my eligibility to join?

You will be given a medical questionnaire to take home and complete. Those questions with an asterisk require further clarification when you go in for testing.

Do I get a choice where I am posted after graduation? (Location of employment)

You are given the opportunity to express a preference for the bases, ships or units to which you would like to be posted. While the ADF will try to fulfil your posting preferences you may be posted to any locality if there is a Service requirement.

Do I get paid?

In your first year you will receive a salary package of $38,956 (excluding superannuation) which increases with each year of study. You will not have to pay tuition fees. You will then be paid a salary package of more than $80,000 per year after you graduate and complete your specific employment training. For up-to-date salaries, please visit defencejobs.gov.au/adfa

What can I do in Canberra?

As the nation’s capital, Canberra offers all the facilities you would expect in a capital city. There are numerous sporting pursuits that you can take part in, along with a range of museums, galleries, cinemas, restaurants and bars. What’s more, it’s only a two-hour drive to the ski fields or the coast.
Will I get posted overseas during my studies at ADFA?

No, you will not be posted or deployed overseas when studying at ADFA. You may have the opportunity to conduct an exchange (approx. 12 days) to a foreign country; however this is voluntary and based on availability.

If I start a degree at ADFA, can I change degrees if I don’t like it?

Yes, depending on your circumstances. There are options to change or transfer to a different degree, however, this depends on the job which you have been offered, places available in the course and is subject to Service requirements.

Can I transfer to ADFA if I have started a degree at another university?

Yes. If you have been studying at another university, you can apply for ADFA once you have successfully completed the Defence Force Recruiting process and met the minimum Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) for the required degree at UNSW Canberra. To do this, you must apply through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). If you hold qualifications from a non-English speaking country, you may also need to provide proof of English language proficiency. To have your previous studies considered for credit, you must complete at least one year of full-time study (minimum 0.75 full time equivalent load) of your degree at a tertiary institution.

What if I fail a subject?

Students who fail a subject are required to repeat the subject or complete another subject, depending on the degree rules. Depending on the situation students may require to repeat the entire year.

How difficult is the military training?

ADFA’s military training program prepares midshipmen and officer cadets for their military careers. While challenging at times, the training is designed to be achievable and we’ll provide all the support you need to achieve your goals. Learn more about ADFA’s military training here or watch our interactive video: Discover ADFA to see what it’s like to study and train at ADFA.

How does the ADF prepare members for a career post-military?

Transition Seminars are conducted regularly across Australia and are designed to help ADF members prepare for life and a career in the civilian world. ADF members and their families are encouraged to attend ADF Transition Seminars at any stage throughout their career, particularly when they are planning to leave the ADF.

What scholarships or ATAR points programs does ADFA offer?

UNSW Canberra offers bonus point programs that recognise excellence in academia and sport, as well as schemes that assist disadvantaged students. These include HSC Plus (automatically calculated by UAC), Elite Athletes program and the ACCESS scheme for disadvantaged students. Please note: UNSW will award a maximum of 10 bonus points overall.
What career options are available to ADFA graduates?
ADFA graduates start their career as an Officer in the Navy, Army or Air Force and can work in a range of areas, including aviation, security, logistics, health care and engineering. From there, they’ll often move onto other exciting leadership roles within the military and the civilian sector—in virtually every industry.

How long do ADFA graduates have to stay in the military?
ADFA graduates are required to serve for an Initial Minimum Period of Service (IMPS). This is to ensure the ADF get an acceptable return for investing in their training. Essentially it is a period of time ADF members are required to serve until they can voluntarily resign. The length of IMPS varies between jobs but generally speaking, ADFA members join for between five to 14.5 years depending on your job. At ADFA, Air Force and Army officer cadets can resign at any time within the first two years and Navy midshipmen can resign at any time within the first year without having to meet an IMPS.

Do ADFA graduates have a future beyond the military?
Yes, after serving their initial Minimum Period of Service, ADFA graduates can pursue any civilian career. ADFA graduates live and work within Australia and around the world, and have gone on to pursue successful military and civilian careers in virtually every industry.

What other support services are available at ADFA?
ADFA provides midshipmen and officer cadets with all the support services they need, from academic support programs and counselling teams, to military chaplains catering to most faiths. There’s immediate support from their Divisional Officer and others in the chain of command, plus access to the Defence Community Organisation which provides comprehensive support services, if required.

How often do students get to visit home?
Midshipmen and officer cadets can visit home during study leave and leave weekends. In fact, the ADF will pay for midshipmen and officer cadets to visit their nominated home address, twice each year. ADFA’s leave breaks are in May, July, September and December, depending on the training program – this will differ for first, second and third year. Additional leave may be requested for special circumstances.

What can I do if I’m struggling in a class?
ADFA supports our students in many ways, including programs to help develop their academic language and learning capabilities, online learning resources, individual consultations, courses and workshops. Plus, with the best university teacher-to-student ratio in the country, students can easily seek advice from their lecturers or Service Instructor.

How does ADFA provide a safe campus environment?
The Australian Defence Force (ADF) is committed to promoting an environment free of harassment and discrimination, both in the workplace and at our training institutions. Everyone at AFDA, including new midshipmen and officer cadets, is given regular training on appropriate behaviour and the correct procedures for resolving conflict.
ADFA OPEN DAY

The ADFA Open Day is a chance to see inside the Academy and gain a real insight into Australia’s finest military and academic training institution. There are attractions for people of all ages, including hands-on scientific displays, academic information stands and military equipment displays. The midshipmen and officer cadet’s accommodation, gymnasium, Academy, Cadets’ Mess and the academic areas are open for inspection.

Midshipmen and officer cadets are on hand to discuss their daily life and UNSW Canberra academic staff are available to answer questions about degree courses.

You can attend the annual ADFA Open Day, which is usually held on the last Saturday in August each year, in conjunction with the Canberra Tertiary Open Day.

For more information about the ADFA Open Day visit openday.adfa.edu.au

FURTHER INFORMATION

The information contained within this brochure by no means covers everything there is to know about training and studying at ADFA. While we have attempted to cover a broad range of relevant information about ADFA, you might still have questions you would like answered.

For more information, or to apply, call 13 19 01 or visit defencejobs.gov.au/adfa, or drop into your local Defence Force Recruiting Centre.

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